

expenses of said proceeding, be in excess of the total amount of benefits, it shall be optional with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to abide by the verdict of the jury or, at any time before the final ratification and confirmation of the verdict, to enter a voluntary dismissal of the cause.

Amount authorized for expenses and award.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the revenues of the District of Columbia such sums as may be necessary from time to time to pay the costs and expenses of the condemnation proceedings instituted under the authority of this Act and for the payment of the amounts awarded as damages, the amounts collected as benefits to be covered into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the revenues of the District of Columbia: *Provided, however*, That if the total amount of damages awarded by the jury in any such proceeding, plus the costs and expenses of said proceedings, be in excess of the total amount of assessments for benefits, such excess shall be paid out of the appropriation herein authorized.

*Proviso.*  
Payment if award for damages exceeds assessment for benefits.  
*Post*, p. 846.

Approved, May 28, 1926.

May 28, 1926.  
[S. 2730.]

[Public, No. 312.]

CHAP. 419.—An Act To amend section 1155 of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia."

District of Columbia Code.  
Vol. 31, p. 1374, amended.  
*Proviso* stricken out.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 1155 of "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia," approved March 3, 1901, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the following words contained in said section 1155:

Limit on power of married woman as surety, etc.

"*Provided*, That no married woman shall have power to make any contract as surety or guarantor or as accommodation drawer, acceptor, maker, or indorser."

Approved, May 28, 1926.

May 28, 1926.  
[H. J. Res. 139.]

[Pub. Res., No. 33.]

CHAP. 420.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the construction of a Government dock or wharf at Juneau, Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following work of improvement is hereby adopted and authorized to be prosecuted under the direction of the Board of Road Commissioners for Alaska, in accordance with the plans recommended in the report hereinafter designated:

Construction of dock at, authorized.  
*Post*, p. 1142.

Dock or wharf at Juneau, Alaska, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered 561, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document: *Provided*, That the sum authorized to be so expended shall not exceed the sum of \$22,500.

*Proviso.*  
Limit of amount.

Approved, May 28, 1926.

May 29, 1926.

[H. R. 5683.]

[Public, No. 313.]

CHAP. 423.—An Act Authorizing the appropriation of \$2,500 for the erection of a tablet or marker at Sir Walter Raleigh Fort on Roanoke Island, North Carolina, to Virginia Dare, the first child of English parentage to be born in America.

Roanoke Island, N. C.  
Tablet authorized at Sir Walter Raleigh Fort on, the birthplace of Virginia Dare.  
*Post*, p. 877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of \$2,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated to be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of War, in the erection of a tablet or marker at Sir Walter

Raleigh Fort on Roanoke Island, North Carolina, in memory of Virginia Dare, who was born there on August 18, 1587, and who was the first child of English parentage to be born in America.

Approved, May 29, 1926.

**CHAP. 424.**—An Act To authorize the exchange of certain public lands and the establishment of an aviation field near Yuma, Arizona.

May 29, 1926.  
[H. R. 7911.]  
[Public, No. 314.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order that the entire southeast quarter of section 9, township 9, south of range 23, west of the Gila and Salt River meridian, Arizona, may be reserved for a public aviation field, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to issue unrestricted patent for any public land in said section 9 in exchange for the east half of the southeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of said section 9.

Public lands.  
Exchange of lands in  
Arizona.

SEC. 2. That upon the exchange being completed, the entire southeast quarter of said section 9 shall be reserved as a public field for the landing and taking off of aircraft of all descriptions: *Provided*, That the board of supervisors of Yuma County, Arizona, shall by resolution agree to assume the expense of clearing and maintaining the field, and that the following conditions are agreed to:

Lands reserved as  
aviation field.

*Proviso.*  
Maintenance by  
Yuma County.

That operators of Government-owned aircraft shall always have free and unrestricted use of said field; that rules and regulations governing the operation of aircraft upon said field shall include and coincide with rules and regulations prescribed and promulgated by the War Department; that Government departments and agencies operating aircraft shall have the right to erect and install upon said land such structures and improvements as the heads of such departments and agencies may deem advisable, including facilities for maintaining supplies of fuel, oil, and other materials for operating aircraft; that in case of emergency, or in the event that it shall be deemed advisable by the Secretary of War, the War Department may assume absolute control of the management and operation of said field.

Free use, etc., for  
Government aircraft.

Absolute control by  
War Department in  
case of emergency, etc.

Approved, May 29, 1926.

**CHAP. 425.**—An Act To amend sections 226 and 228 of the Judicial Code, and for other purposes.

May 29, 1926.  
[H. R. 8657.]  
[Public, No. 315.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 226 of the Judicial Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Judicial Code.  
Supreme Court Re-  
ports.

"SEC. 226. The salary of the reporter shall be \$8,000 per annum, payable out of the Treasury in monthly installments, which shall be in full compensation for the services required by law. He shall also be allowed stationery, supplies, equipment, office rent, and necessary professional and clerical assistance, in the discretion of the court or the Chief Justice. The expenses in connection with the maintenance of his office shall be paid from the appropriations of the Supreme Court of the United States."

Reporter.  
Salary, expenses, etc.  
Vol. 42, p. 816.

Expenses from Su-  
preme Court appropri-  
ation.

SEC. 2. That section 228 of the Judicial Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Volumes of reports.

"SEC. 228. The cost of furnishing the bound volumes and pamphlets under the requisition provided for in section 225, and required for official distribution under section 227, shall be charged to the proper appropriation of the Department of Justice. The Public

Cost of official distri-  
bution charged to De-  
partment of Justice.  
Vol. 42, p. 816.

Post, p. 736.